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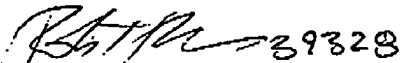
In response to the Office Action dated December 18, 2003, it is respectfully requested that a new Office Action be issued and the response period be reset to run from the date of the new Office Action. This request is being made for the following reason.

The Examiner's Section 102(f) rejection presents two columns of drawings, but fails to specify the source of those drawings. Applicants are therefore unable to respond to this rejection.

It is therefore respectfully suggested that this Request is in order and that a new Office Action should be issued, and the response period be reset.

Respectfully submitted,

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